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Depressed Classes

Boarding houses for depressed class students in the Presidency.

* 1792 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of boarding houses in this Presidency intended mainly for the depressed classes;

(*b*) where they are situated;

(*c*) what the accommodation in each is;

(*d*) how many applicants there were in the last year;

(*e*) how many were provided; and

(*f*) how many of these are intended for girls?

A.—(*a*) to (*e*) Information is available only as regards hostels and boarding houses either maintained by Government or subsidised by them and is given in the appended statement.[a]

(*f*) None.

Education

Utilization of public funds for Sanskrit or Hindi propaganda.

* 1793 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the First Provincial Self-Respect Conference which was opened at Chingleput by the hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan has passed and communicated to Government a resolution that public funds should not be utilized for propagating Sanskrit or Hindi in the educational institutions; and

(*b*) what action the Government propose to take to stop the instruction in Sanskrit or Hindi in Government or aided schools or schools managed by local bodies in pursuance of that resolution?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No such resolution has been received by Government.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"Did the Chief Minister know of these resolutions?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I did, Sir."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"Does he propose to take any action?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"No, Sir."

Local Boards

Elected President for Malabar District Board.

* 1794 *Q.*—Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a public meeting held at Calicut has passed a resolution requesting the Government to throw the presidentship of the District Board of Malabar open to election; and

(*b*) whether the Government are prepared to throw it open to election?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is under consideration.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 507 infra.